

COMMUNIQUE

From the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock:

COMMUNIQUE ON UNDESIRABLE SUBSTANCES IN FEEDS

(COMMUNIQUE NO.: 2014/11)

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this communiqué is to identify the issues regarding the undesirable substances in animal feeds.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) This communiqué comprises the issues regarding the undesirable substances in feeds without prejudice to the provisions of the legislation concerning the feed additives, placing feeds on market and their usage, pesticide residuals in cereal, fruit, vegetable, plant products and animal products, veterinary products about the public health and animal health.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) This Communiqué was issued on the basis of;

- a) Third paragraph of the Article 21 of the Law no. 5996 of 11/6/2010 on veterinary services, plant health, food and feed and Regulation on placing feeds on market and their usage,
- b) Directive no. 2002/32 of the European Union of 7/5/2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 – (1) In the implementation of this Communiqué following definitions are provided with their meaning;

- a) Ministry: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock,
- b) Daily ration: Daily total feed amount calculated over 12% moisture content, required by an animal with specific species, age and yield in order to meet its all nutrient needs,
- c) Animal: Vertebrate and invertebrate animals including aquatic animals, reptiles and amphibic animals,
- ç) Products used as animal feeds: Feed substances, premixes, feed additives and other products used as animal feed,
- d) Mixed feed: At least mixture of two feeds including feed additives or not, in the form of full or supplementary feed in order to incept animals
- e) Intervention threshold: Amounts specified by the Ministry required to be intervened or monitored by determining source for the undesirable substances in feeds,

- f) Placing on market: Placing feeds on market with or without payment,
- g) Premix: A feed substance that is not directly incepted to animals, a mixture of feed additives or used as a transmitter for one or more feed additives or its mixture with water,
- ğ) Complementary feed: Mixed feed which is rich in terms of specific substances due to its compound, sufficient for daily ration when it's used with another feed,
- h) Full feed: Mixture of feed which is sufficient for daily ration in terms of its compound,
- ı) Transfer: Level of an active substance or product passed from the previous lot coming immediately after a lot production in a certain section of the production line,
- i) Feed: Any kind of substance or product including partly processed or unprocessed feed additives used for oral inception of animals,
- j) Feed additive: substances, microorganisms or preparations which have one or more of functions defined for feed additives, are added into feed or water except for feed additives and premixes,
- k) Undesirable substances in feeds: Substances, available in feeds apart from the pathogenic gents, creating potential danger to the public or animal health or environment and affecting animal production in a negative way,
- l) Feed additives: Vegetable or animal foods meeting animals' nutrient needs in a natural, fresh, preserved form and products created after industrial process of them and organic or inorganic substances with or without feed additives which are used as transmitter in premixes for preparation of mixed feeds in a direct way or by processing in order to feed animals.

Feed reliability

ARTICLE 5 – (1) Feed can only be placed on market in case that it is reliable and commercially appropriate quality and used as suitable for its purpose, has no danger on public health, animal health and environment and also has no direct negative effect on animal production.

(2) Feeds, containing undesirable substances above the maximum limits specified in the Annex 1 of the communiqué are accepted as the unreliable feed according to the first paragraph.

Limits of undesirable substances

ARTICLE 6 – (1) The undesirable substances specified in the Annex 1 are permitted just in in conformance with the given conditions.

(2) When the undesirable substances are determined at a high level in feeds or in case that the maximum level is exceeded, the ministry makes examinations in cooperation with the business operator in order to identify, reduce or remove the source of the undesirable substances. The past information is considered during the examination. When the undesirable substances are determined at high levels, the intervention thresholds specified in the Annex 2 are considered for examination purpose.

(3) The Ministry makes arrangements on the Annex-1 and Annex-2 in line with the scientific and technical developments.

Limitation in Practice

ARTICLE 7 – (1) The feeds, containing undesirable substances in amounts exceeding maximum levels, cannot be blended with the same or different feeds for the purpose of dilution.

(2) When considered the proposed amounts of use, the complementary feeds cannot contain the undesirable substances above the levels specified for the full feeds at daily ration unless there are special provisions.

Detoxification treatment

ARTICLE 8 – (1) When requested the detoxification treatment, conducted by the feed business operator, the Ministry examines the operating procedure and decides whether this procedure is applicable or not. The products detoxified according to this procedure, should comply with the conditions specified in the Annex 1. The implementation of this treatment is made under supervision of the controllers of the Ministry.

Administrative sanction

ARTICLE 9 – (1) In case that the feeds, conforming with this communiqué, contain the undesirable substances, not included in this communiqué, the operations are made within the scope of the Law no.5996 on veterinary services, plant health, food and feed.

Repealed legislation

ARTICLE 10 – (1) The communiqué (Communiqué no.: 2005/3) on Undesirable Substances in Feeds published on the Official Gazette no. 25718 and dated 5/2/2005 was repealed.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 11 – (1) This Regulation shall be put into effect on the publication date thereof.

Execution

ARTICLE 12 – (1) The provisions of this Regulation shall be executed by the Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock